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January 30, 2007 Minutes

Present: John M. Brown Jr, Lynn Chinn, Russell Odell, James McCarthy; Media: Gary Lookadoo, Daily Record, Scarlet Sims, Morning News; Public: Barbara McCoy, Carole Westby and Bill Millager.

John Brown called the meeting to order at 10 AM on January 30, 2007. November 9, 2006 meeting minutes were presented. John Brown made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Old Business:

John Brown presented the 2007 order status of Ivotronic Voting Machines equipment, due April 2007.

| <u>Equipment</u> | <u>On Order 2007</u> | <u>Brings Total in Benton County</u> |
|---------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Ivotronic Voting Machines | 104 | 212 |
| Supervisor Terminals | 1 | 4 |
| Communication Packs | 6 | 86 |

Russ Odell made the motion to accept the electronic order report. Motion passed.

New Business:

1. Storing Ivotronic equipment: The Election Commission office does not have enough space to store all of the electronic equipment. Motion made by Lynn Chinn to look for storage facilities in the area to store Ivotronic frames, not voting mechanism. Motion passed.

2. Two elections are set for April 10, 2007: Gravette School District millage election and Highway 94 East Volunteer Fire Department. James McCarthy proposed the ES&S ballot forms for Gravette and that the Fire Department ballot be locally printed. Lynn Chinn made motion to approve format. Motion passed.

3. James McCarthy presented to the Election Commission change the precinct numbers. The machines software uses number 1 through infinity to identify precincts, but two precincts, 51 and 61, no longer exist. Russell Odell made a motion that we accept the precinct change as presented, recommending the Clerk's office notify voters of their new precinct numbers. Motion passed. A.C.A. 7-5-101; 7-7-202

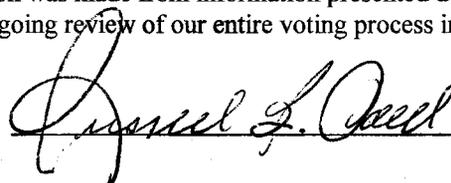
Open Discussion:

The Election Commission is gathering information about the General Election held November 2006.

Barbara McCoy, representing the Democratic Committee in Benton County and Russell Odell, Republican Commissioner addressed a number of concerns regarding issues and recommendations to improve the voting process in Benton County. Discussion covered a wide range of topics: staffing and training Election Officials, improve Election Commission facilities, timeline, and a verification process for close elections. There appears to be common ground on these issues.

We discussed the transporting of Oversea and Provisional Ballots from the Clerk's office to the Election Commission office, after November 7, 2006. Concerns were raised by Bill Millager and previously by Rhonda Franz. No motion was made from information presented during the meeting.. The Election Commission plans an ongoing review of our entire voting process in Benton County. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,



Russell Odell, Secretary

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